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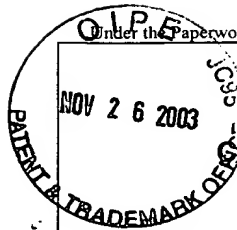
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Application Number	09/870,358
Filing Date	May 30, 2001
First Named Inventor	Oon
Group Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	Goldberg, Jeanine
Attorney Docket Number	20781.703

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 20781.703).
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) -2 months - \$420.00.
- iii. ☐ Other
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Confirmation No.: 8357
Chong Jin Oon)	Examiner: GOLDBERG, Jeanine Anne
Serial No.: 09/870,358)	Art Unit: 1634
Filed: May 30, 2001)	
Title: <u>DIAGNOSTIC ASSAY</u>)	

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Introductory Comments:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed on June 26, 2003 and Applicants' telephone interview with Examiner J. A. Goldberg on October 28, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.